

Amendments to the Specification:

Page 1, change the title to read:

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--A device for equalizing changes in level between a ground area surface and a frame for a manhole cover, and a method for mounting the device--

Same page, change the paragraph inserted between the title and line 1 to read as follows:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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Applicants claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of Austrian Application No. A 725/99, filed on April 23, 1999. Applicants also claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 365 of PCT/AT00/00095, filed on April 18, 2000. The international application under PCT article 21(2) was not published in English.

Same page, before line 1, insert:

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--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention -

Page 2, between lines 19 and 20 insert:

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--2. Description of the Prior Art--

Page 3, between lines 23 and 24 insert:

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--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 11, between lines 13 and 14 insert:

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--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING--

Page 12, between lines 10 and 11 insert:

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--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--